## **Legal Aspects of Real Estate 4th Edition**

Errata, Supplemental Material and Recent Developments Updated 06/15/2010

Note: The following materials provide further study into the courses you enrolled in. These materials are non-mandatory and you will not be tested on anything covered here.

## 1. Errata

- a. Text Changes:
  - i. **Page 123.** In the paragraph beginning with "Consider a right-of-way easement..." located in the left-hand column, the word 'thorough' should be 'through'.
  - ii. Page 454. The "V" index entries should precede the "W" index entries.
- b. Quiz Changes:
  - i. **Quiz 13, Question 10**. The word "quite" should be "quiet".

## 2. Supplemental Material

Note: The following chapters appeared in the prior edition of Legal Aspects but were omitted from Legal Aspects 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

a. None.

## 3. Recent Developments

Note: These developments occurred after the publication of Legal Aspects  $4^{th}$  Edition or were deemed not necessary. RCD = Recent Case Decision; LW = Legislative Watch.

- a. Article; June 2010. Rent skimming by buyers within the first year
- b. RCD; June 2010. Improvement district assessment allocated based on benefits to each lot
- c. RCD; June 2010. HOA demand for arbitration must conform to clause in CC&Rs to enforce a refusal
- **d. RCD; March 2010.** To clear title of a trust deed, indexing a reconveyance is separate from recording
- e. RCD; March 2010. Owner is obligated by CC&Rs to clean drainage channels within HOA-maintained landscape area
- **f. RCD; March 2010.** <u>Improving property and making property tax payments is open and notorious occupation for adverse claim despite owner having no notice of occupation</u>
- **g. RCD; March 2010.** Buyer permitted to cancel sale contract upon discovery of contaminated property
- h. Blog Item; March 2010. Expired flood insurance program extended to March 28, 2010
- i. LW; February 2010. <u>Limits on HOA fees</u>
- j. LW; February 2010. HOA CC&Rs may not prohibit water-efficient landscaping

- **k. LW; February 2010.** Property is nuisance if it is inhabited by tenants found guilty of counterfeiting
- **LW; February 2010.** Common interest development management must provide written disclosures to members
- m. Article; December 2009. Safety disclosures: crime and the prospective buyer
- n. LW; December 2009. Homestead exemption increases affecting future judgment liens
- o. RCD; December 2009. Exclusive easement prohibits all use by property owner
- **p. RCD; December 2009.** <u>Mechanic's lien for unpaid rental equipment used to remove</u> structures is valid
- **q. RCD; December 2009.** <u>Unauthorized quitclaim deed conveyance during bankruptcy does</u> not transfer title after bankruptcy
- r. RCD; November 2009. Beneficial use of property, not legal title controls change of ownership
- s. RCD; October 2009. <u>Easement over land does not interfere with owner's ability to</u> subdivide
- t. RCD; June 2009. Agreement to purchase an unmapped parcel is void due to waiver-ofmap provision
- u. RCD; May 2009. City not liable on a taking for future development profits
- v. RCD; April 2009. Lis pendens on out of state litigation is void
- w. RCD; March 2009. <u>Co-owner's homestead exemption based on his share of mortgage</u> debt
- x. RCD; March 2009. Purchase option enforceable without method of payment or closing date
- y. RCD; March 2009. HOA must strictly enforce tree-trimming height restrictions in CC&Rs
- **z. RCD; February 2009.** Ownership of property in a corporate vesting prohibits homestead exemption
- aa. LW; January 2009. Solar Collectors
- bb. LW; January 2009. CIDs and small claims actions
- cc. RCD; January 2009. City's insurmountable administrative process is a permanent taking
- **dd. RCD; January 2009.** <u>Post-taking land sales can be used as a means for estimating the value of taken land</u>
- **ee. RCD; October 2008.** Replacement cost coverage limited by notice eliminating full replacement cost coverage
- **ff. RCD; October 2008.** <u>Utility burdens power line easement by installing and leasing telecommunication lines</u>
- gg. RCD; October 2008. Easement deed allowing construction does not convey fee interest
- **hh. RCD; October 2008.** Recorded judgment avoid homestead exemption on later purchase of principal residence
- ii. RCD; October 2008. Surplus funds from trustee's sale paid only to recorded lienholders
- jj. RCD; October 2008. Buyer prevails but is denied attorney fees for not first offering to mediate

- **kk. RCD; October 2008.** <u>Interest rate differential on lost loan barred as expired claim for lost property value</u>
- II. RCD; October 2008. HOA claim under CC&Rs time-barred four years after making claim
- mm. RCD; October 2008. Plat map boundary dispute resolved by 1868 surveyor's field notes
- nn. RCD; October 2008. Owner-occupant liable for injuries cause by animals allowed on his property
- oo. Article, August 2008. Mediation: best, faster dispute resolution
- pp. RCD; June 2008. Owner's signature obtained by deceit is a forgery
- qq. RCD; June 2008. Date of valuation must be based on sufficient deposit of compensation
- rr. RCD; June 2008. No temporary severance damages for hypothetical use of property
- ss. RCD; June 2008. Partners needed written authorization to execute a purchase agreement
- tt. RCD; June 2008. Enforcement of unrecorded CC&Rs falls under five-year statute of limitations
- **uu. RCD; June 2008.** Specific performance, not money, on seller's breach of purchase agreement
- vv. RCD; May 2008. Prior government ownership of a landlocked parcel bars easement of necessity
- ww. RCD; May 2008. Appropriative water rights are appurtenant to entire property
- xx. Article; April 2008. Carryback sellers: secured or unsecured?
- yy. RCD; April 2008. Quiet title rights run from original date of boundary-fixing
- zz. RCD; April 2008. Policy limits settlement rescinded when based on deceit